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Attorney Docket No. 5689-280

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Thomas Baumgartner et al;

Application No.: 10/687,890

Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed: October 17, 2003

Examiner: Jeremy R. Pierce

For: **FELT FOR FORMING FIBER CEMENT ARTICLES WITH MULTIPLEX BASE FABRIC**

Date: August 10, 2005

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated July 12, 2005 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner required a restriction for:

Group I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a fiber cement felt, classified in class 442, subclass 203;

Group II. Claims 19-36, drawn to a method for forming a fiber cement article, classified in class 427, subclass "various".

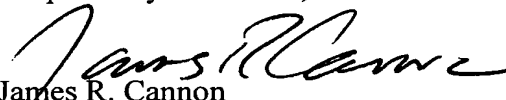
Applicant hereby provisionally elects the following named claims:

Group I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a fiber cement felt.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,


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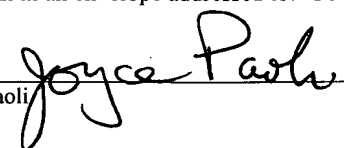
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